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1. SUMMARY: (A) DEP SEC GEN ELDIN REPORTED TO COUNCIL JULY 18 ON PROGRESS FOR NOV 1974 ENVCOM MEETING AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL RAISING QUESTION ON APPROPRIATE MECHANISM FOR DEALING WITH MINISTERIAL RECOMMENDATIONS. COUNCIL WILL DECIDE ON THIS ISSUE AT EARLY FALL MEETING. (B) AGENDA FOR SEP 11-12 SPECIAL MEETING ENVCOM FIXED (SEE PARA 6 BELOW). END SUMMARY.

2. DURING JULY 18 COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENT AGENDA ITEM, SECRETARIAT STATED THAT DRAFT MINISTERIAL DECLARATION AND ACTION PROPOSALS WILL BE ISSUED NEXT WEEK AS COUNCIL DOCUMENTS, FOR EXAMINATION BY COUNCIL WEEK OF SEP 16. THESE DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE SUBMITTED

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TO ENVCOM AT SPECIAL MEETING SEP 11-12 (SEE REF B, PARA

3).

3. IN REPORTING ON MINISTERIAL PREPARATIONS, DEP SEC GEN ELDIN EMPHASIZED THAT EXCEPTIONAL NATURE OF MEETING CALLED FOR MECHANISM TO DEAL WITH MINISTERIAL RECOMMENDATIONS. FORMAL APPROVAL BY COUNCIL EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER MEETING WOULD TEND TO REDUCE IMPACT AND AUTHORITY OF MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS. SOLUTION WOULD SEEM TO BE A DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY BY COUNCIL FOLLOWING ITS EXAMINATION OF PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS, ENABLING MINISTERS TO MAKE THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL. US ENQUIRED IF THERE WAS PRECEDENT FOR SUCH ACTION, AND REQUESTED CLARIFICATION ON LEGAL IMPLICATIONS. ELDIN REPLIED THAT THERE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE PRECEDENT COVERING THIS PRECISE SITUATION, BUT THAT HE WOULD PREPARE DOCUMENT BY SEP 15 TO CLARIFY MATTER. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT IF COUNCIL UNWILLING TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY, ENVCOM MINISTERIAL COULD BE TRANSFORMED INTO COUNCIL MEETING AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. OTHERWISE, COUNCIL WOULD HAVE TO MEET DAY AFTER TO ENSURE QUASI-SIMULTANEOUS ENDORSEMENT. MATTER WILL BE DISCUSSED PROBABLY WEEK OF SEP. 16 OR 23.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS BY MINISTERS WILL AFFECT REDEFINITION OF ENVCOM MANDATE SCHEDULED JULY 1975. IN MEANTIME, COUNCIL LIKELY TO DECIDE ON PERMANENT STATUS ENVCOM, WITH PERIODIC PROGRAM REVIEWS AS FOR OTHER OECD PLENARY COMMITTEES.

5. CHAIRMANSHIP OF ENVCOM MINISTERIAL TO BE DISCUSSED BY HEADS OF DELEGATIONS. (MISSION AWARE THAT NETHERLANDS EXPECTS TO BE INVITED TO PROVIDE CHAIRMAN, BUT VERY CLEARLY ON BASIS OF MERIT, AND NOT BECAUSE NETHERLANDS CHAIRS ENVCOM).

6. SECRETARIAT HAS OBLIGED WITH FOLLOWING DETAILS OF DRAFT AGENDA FOR SEP 11-12 SPECIAL MEETING OF ENVCOM: (A) BRIEF ORAL REPORT ON JULY 18 COUNCIL DISCUSSION (B) ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT, ENV(74)19 REVISED (C) REMAINING ACTION PROPOSALS (TFP, PPP AND SPECIFICS FOR ENERGY) (D) UNCLASSIFIED

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OUTLINE OF PRESS COMMUNIQUE (E) SECRETARIAT PAPER ON ENVCOM ACHIEVEMENTS, FOR PRESENTATION TO MINISTERS (F) FINAL REVIEW DRAFT MINISTERIAL AGENDA (G) ORGANIZATION MINISTERIAL MEETING (H) SCEE 1975 PROGRAM, ENV(74)18, NOT DISCUSSED JULY 1-3.
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